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**“SHINING STAR” IN HAMPTON**

Cited as one of the “shining stars” of innovation, City of Hampton’s Youth Civic Engagement Initiative is one of just six projects nationwide to win Innovations in American Government Award from Ash Institute at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. More than 1,000 projects were considered. Since its launch in 1990, City says, the Initiative has turned “notion of youth as consumers of public services on its head” empowering “young people as leaders in their schools, neighborhoods, and city government,” engaging them “as advisers within a Neighborhood Youth Advisory Board, Citizens' Unity Commission, Teen Advisory Groups for Parks and Recreation, the Superintendent's Advisory Group, and secondary school advisory teams”. Learn more at [http://www.hampton.va.us/for youth/whatsnew\\_YCEI\\_award.html](http://www.hampton.va.us/for youth/whatsnew_YCEI_award.html).

**AIDS AID**

August 22<sup>nd</sup> *Federal Register* invites applications for 2nd round of competition for some \$18 million in funding under HUD’s Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS. October 6<sup>th</sup> is the submission deadline and applicants that submitted in the first HOPWA round in 2005 must submit a new application if seeking funds under the second round. For more, visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

**BRIEF BRIEFS**

R. Scott Brunner named Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Association of REALTORS. . . August 23<sup>rd</sup> *Daily Press* includes column on Friends of the Homeless’ new foreclosure prevention program. . . Home Loan Bank Board of Atlanta awards \$915,000 in Affordable Housing Program funds to The Haven in Culpeper, Bristol Transitional Housing, Southern Virginia Housing Corporation’s White Mill Point complex in Abingdon, Lynchburg Neighborhood Development’s Owner-Occupied Home Repair Program and Waynesboro Housing Corporation retirement home in Hot Springs. . . WNBA star and former Gilpin Court public housing resident Jessie Hicks “comes home” to hold basketball clinic for Richmond Redevelopment & Housing kids. . . Susan Dewey says during fiscal year 2005, VHDA conducted 453 homeownership education classes for more than 7,600 potential buyers. . . Agriculture Secretary Conner awards \$19.2 million loan to provide broadband technology over existing electric power lines in 17 counties of Alabama, Indiana and Virginia. . . HUD Richmond okays 150-unit, \$11.9 million complex in Lynchburg, 78-unit, \$7.8 million rental complex in Williamsburg, and 22-unit, \$1.9 million group home for persons with disabilities in Herndon. . . Governor Warner appoints Jeff Adkins of Martinsville to the Fair Housing Board, Jeanne Evans of Virginia Beach to the Board of Historic Resources and Paul Steele of Richmond to the Olmstead Oversight Advisory Committee. . . Appalachian Regional Commission awards \$40,000 Asset-Based Economic Development Grant to Lincoln Theater in Marion. . . *Virginian-Pilot* reports City of Portsmouth working weekends in search of “weekend warriors intent on fixing up homes without necessary permits and approvals.

**HURRI-CAID II**

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development is accepting applications until September 19<sup>th</sup> for some \$1.5 million in CDBG funds to help communities recover from four disasters between August 31, 2003 and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, including Hurricane Isabel and Tropical Storm Gaston. Applications will be funded on a “first come, first serve” basis and localities that received funding in the first round are eligible to apply for the second. For more, contact [Todd.Christensen@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:Todd.Christensen@dhcd.virginia.gov) or 804/371-7061.

**WHAT A MONTH!**

The conference season is upon us. Appalachian Regional Commission holds leadership training sessions in Clintwood, St. Paul and Grundy, respectively, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Virginia Peninsula Association of REALTORS holds REALTORFest in Hampton on September 8<sup>th</sup>. VSBN’s Sustainable Futures Summit takes place in Richmond September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The Governor’s Housing Conference runs September 14<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> in Roanoke. The Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS holds its annual trade show September 15<sup>th</sup>. USDA/Rural Development and VCARH hold “handbook training” for multi-family owners and managers on September 20<sup>th</sup> in Richmond. The Statewide Neighborhood Conference convenes in Norfolk from September 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. The Living Towns conference meets in Luray on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. And the Virginia Association of REALTORS holds its annual conference September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> in Norfolk.. For details on all of these, visit HUD Virginia’s calendar at [www.hud.gov/virginia](http://www.hud.gov/virginia).

**APPRAISA-CADEMY**

HUD’s Philadelphia Homeownership Center will conduct free satellite & Webcast training for FHA Roster Appraisers, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., September 28<sup>th</sup>. It can also be viewed at HUD Richmond’s offices. For more, contact [Virginia.Holman@hud.gov](mailto:Virginia.Holman@hud.gov) or 800/842-2610, x3729.

**BRIEF BRIEFS TOO**

Virginia Housing Coalition honors Delegate Vincent F. Callahan of Fairfax, John G. Finneran of Richmond LISC Local Advisory Committee, Vice Mayor Daun Hester of Norfolk, Richmond activist Thomas James, Wise County Redevelopment & Housing Executive Director Charles McConnell at 2005 awards dinner. . . City of Lynchburg begins using CDBG funds to pay half of property owners’ façade improvements up to \$5,000 in 5<sup>th</sup> Street area. . . Danville Redevelopment & Housing celebrates grand opening of new Neighborhood Networks computer center funded by \$250,000 HUD grant. . . Two Virginia Association of REALTORS members – Greg Garrett of Newport News & Jeanne Williams-Livesay of Chesapeake – are among 10 finalists for National Association of REALTORS Good Neighbor Award. . . VHDA to hold focus group October 1<sup>st</sup> on 2006 Qualified Allocation Plan for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. . . *News & Advance* says Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity is urging private companies to donate labor and building materials any savings can be used on 21 new homes in tsunami-ravaged Sri Lanka. . . Homeward announces selection of Martha L Muguira, formerly with Flagler Family Services, as new Executive Director. . . DHCD sets next “Getting Started in Affordable Housing” workshop for Warrenton on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**DON'T FORGET**

Application deadline for HOPE VI Main Street Revitalization competition is September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, while submission deadline for Section 202, Supportive Housing for the Elderly, Section 811, Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities and Service Coordinators in Multifamily Complexes is September 6<sup>th</sup>. For more, visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

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